

## BOURBONS IN POSSESSION

### Roundheads No Longer in Evidence at the State Capital

The Intelligencer Correspondent Writes  
Interestingly of Current Events.

The forty-seventh General Assembly began work January 8th. The new temporary capitol building is conveniently arranged, in fact more so than the old one, the most noticeable being the acoustic properties.

The senate and house organized as follows:

State Senate officials—President pro tem., Francis M. Wilson, Platte county; secretary, Robert L. Daniels of Ellington; assistant secretary, J. L. Dimmitt of Shelby; chaplain, John L. Patten of Ripley; official reporter, U. A. McBride, Warrensburg; doorkeeper, Ed Casey of Jackson; sergeant at arms, I. N. Seamster of Clark; enrolling clerk, J. S. Preston of Howard; engrossing clerk, W. N. McKinney of Clay.

House of Representatives officials—James H. Hull, Platte county, speaker; P. L. Lyle, Shannon county, speaker pro tem; Omar D. Gray, Sturgeon, chief clerk; Harry G. Mallat of Barton county, assistant chief clerk; Robert Marrs, Jasper, engrossing clerk; Frank Bowman, Lexington, enrolling clerk; Luther M. Wilson, Nevada, doorkeeper; John McConnell, Lincoln county, sergeant at arms; R. V. Cooper of Butler county, official reporter; Rev. A. R. Livere, Cole county, chaplain; Miss Susie Vandiver, Jefferson City, folder; Howard Bradbury, Jefferson City, postmaster.

While not a prophet, yet I venture the prediction there will be no "house rule" passed this session. Both branches of the General Assembly being "dry" practically settles this much talked of measure.

Strange things happen. For instance, the legislature is in session enacting laws. In the toilet room ready for use are four roller towels, contrary to the sanitary laws.

Monday was inaugural day and an unusually large crowd was in attendance at the induction into office of the newly-elected state officials. The house was beautifully, yet simply decorated, consisting of American flags, mountain laurel, Southern smilax, American beauty roses and gray moss.

Have seen little of the sun since landing here. In fact we had about forgotten its shape, whether it was round, square, triangular or oval.

The total cost of the present session will be near \$90,000, not including salaries of representatives. The senate has 125 clerks, 12 stenographers, 9 pages and 30 others, including assistant doorkeepers, helpers, etc. In the house there are 169 clerks. Each democratic senator has five clerks and each representative one.

The distinction of being the oldest member of the Forty-seventh General Assembly lies between Michael McGrath, St. Louis representative, and J. William Towson of Shelby county. Representative McGrath is 76 years old. Representative Towson, who is Brigadier-General commanding the Eastern division of the United Confederate Veterans of Missouri, is a survivor of the famous Black Horse Cavalry made up of Marylanders and Virginians.

Representative Thomas J. Macnamara organized labor has a firm friend. One of his acts will be to introduce a bill that will printing for the legislature and state departments must bear the union label.

The number of democrats in the house is the largest for years. Together is the first democratic member from St. Louis county in 30 years; Peery is the first democratic representative ever elected from Grundy county; Judge Field is the first democrat Polk county has had in 40 years, and my good friend Representative Peters, whose majority was 2, is the first from Howell county in fifteen years.

A resolution asking information as to the Single Tax advocates holding positions at the State University will be offered in the near future. The farmer members are opposed to keeping these land-taxers longer on the pay roll. One member of the legislature has been at Columbia for the past three weeks collecting names, information, etc. If I mistake not something is going to "drap" on the University "pie" counter very shortly.

Two years ago I wrote from here that Representative Houx secured the most beneficial legislation enacted by the 46th General Assembly in the passage of his good road laws under which eight mile districts are organized. It is now cropping out. In Saturday's Kansas City Times I noticed that it is likely the first money Uncle Sam has appropriated for the improving of the roads of Missouri is to be spent in Lafayette county along the Santa Fe Trail. But this is only a starter, as within the next year the Santa Fe Trail will be rocked from the Kansas line to the Saline county line, and it will come about through Mr. Houx's good road laws.

If there is anything in signs a "Jim Crow" and "Grandfather" election law will be passed this session.

Representative Johnson of Pulaski county is the big man of the House. He weighs 240 pounds. Representative Kennedy is the tall man. He stands 6 feet 6 inches; Wilder of Ste. Genevieve county, is the youngest member. He will not be 24 years old till in February, the constitutional requirement, and his seat is contested. Taylor of Wright county is the second youngest, being barely 24. Together of St. Louis is the third youngest. C. M. Hay of Callaway county, is regarded as the brainiest and Tuggle of Daviess, the wealthiest; Fugate of Adair, is the first democrat in 50 years.

The "Bull Moosers" have one lone member of the legislature—J. H. Sommerville of Mercer county. His desk is 118 in the same row with Representative Houx, whose desk is 121. He is a fine man and in the organization of the house voted for the democratic nominee for chaplain. He looks very much like my friend, E. B. Campbell.

Lafayette county got what she came after. Representative Houx was given the chairmanship of the good roads committee. By this Mr. Houx will have two clerks—Hub Campbell of Higginsville and Gene Goodwin of Odessa being named; Frank Bowman won the enrolling clerkship, and Ed Ragland is the clerk of our state senator, Hon. Wallace Crossley.

Hon. Floyd S. Tuggle, representative from Daviess county, is the wealthiest member of the

present legislature. He is a farmer and a large land owner. He is chairman of the committee on agriculture, and in him the interests of the farmers of Missouri are in safe and competent keeping. Intelligent, progressive and energetic, a bright future is in store for him, and taking his record here two years ago as a criterion, he is sure of advancement in politics. He's an enthusiast as to good roads.

Representative Houx, if possible, is more popular this session than two years ago. He is GAL 3 Legislature Notes a recognized leader on all matters and it is nothing unusual to see a swarm of members at his desk seeking information. I predict his record will surpass that of two years ago when it was first class. He will look after six important bills in particular: Putting all prosecuting attorneys on a salary, (endorsed by the State Bar Association); a blue sky law (or to prevent selling of wild cat stocks, bonds, etc.); prohibiting all fraudulent advertisement and the like; and three bills providing playgrounds and parks for public schools. I predict he will secure the passage of all six of his bills.

Representative J. Scott Wolff, who organized the Lexington Tribe of Red Men, is one of the leaders and a live wire. He is the Great Sachem of the state of Missouri and as bright as a dollar.

From Governor Hadley's message we find he has extended executive clemency during the past two years to 367, as follows: Pardons granted, 269; sick pardons, 37; commutations 5; transferred to reform school, 30; to insane asylum 35 and reprieved 1. For his four years clemency was extended to 606 convicts.

Both senate and house are "dry," which means a county unit local option bill will be passed. Hon. C. M. Hay, leader of the "drys" has the matter in charge.

Hon. Wallace Crossley, our state senator, will look after the amending of the initiative, prohibiting its further use in the submission of the single tax, and requiring all petitions hereafter to be certified to by the county clerk. His bill fixes the maximum number of petitioners at 8 per cent, which upon the present voting strength of all parties in the state would require about 37,000 signers in two thirds of the congressional districts of the state. Senator Crossley also has a bill providing for the assessment and collection of the revenue the same year.

I find that at a meeting of the judges of the Supreme Court and circuit judges of the state, held December 27, a resolution was adopted favoring the passage of Mr. Houx's bill placing prosecuting attorneys on a salary and doing away with the fee system. It will prove a great saving of cost, and is sure to become a law.

The state labor commissioner's report for 1912 has this relative to Lafayette county: "Lafayette is one of the most productive counties in the state; improvements are good and farmers wealthy; prices range from \$40 to \$150; it is the second county in coal production and first in value of all the coal producing counties of the state. The roads are well kept, and recently the building of permanent rock roads has engaged the attention of the people, and much work is in progress. The state highway passes through the county;

districts have been organized, bonds issued and sold, and it is confidently expected that within the next year there will be a continuous rock road from the mouth of the Kaw to the western line of Saline county."

Joe Kuehls of Odessa, democratic elector, seventh district, was here Monday and participated in delivering Missouri's electoral vote to Woodrow Wilson.

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Wednesday, February 12, 1913, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court House floor in the City of Lexington, Lafayette County, Missouri, and during the sitting and session of the Circuit Court for said County, at the February term, 1913, of said Court, sell publicly by auction for ready money to the highest bidder, the following described real estate of which David Groves, Sr., died seized and possessed, and all the right title and interest of the plaintiffs and defendants therein, situate and lying in the County of Lafayette and State of Missouri, to wit: Sixty (60) acres off the west side of the southeast quarter of section numbered eight (8), in township numbered fifty (50), of range numbered twenty five (25).

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